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Naturally Yours

Above, a Flying squirrel nestled in a tree. /Photo by Paul Heaven

Yellow Birch on stilts. /Rick Whitteker
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Embrace the mess

RICK WHITTEKER
Special to *County Life*

It takes a concerted effort to shed the shackles of our Victorian era perspective when it comes to the beauty we see in outdoor environments. The tastefully cut lawn and manicured gardens have an appeal that lies more in our sense of aesthetics than a healthy ecosystem. A healthy forest, on the other hand, is messy. Dead standing trees, tangles of bush, rotting logs and leaf litter strewn about in an untidy and chaotic fashion are all indicators of a healthy forest.

As a hike leader, whenever I get the chance, I like to share the characteristics of a healthy forest with participants. I often introduce the role of decomposition in forest ecology while standing next to a fallen log, sharing the following joke/story:

Early in my international backpacking days, I decided to travel to Austria to visit the tomb of the famous composer Mozart. I was able to find it but was completely puzzled by the strange sounds coming from his tomb. So, I went over to a groundskeeper who was working nearby and asked him about it.

"Hey, just wondering, do you know anything about the strange sounds coming from Mozart's tomb?"

"Oh… yes, that's Mozart de-composing."

I know, a real groaner, but it works as a segue into the roles that a tree plays when it is no longer living. By the time a tree dies, it has only partially fulfilled it ecological function. Considered by biologists as the "hot spot" of the forest ecosystem, downed logs are essential to maintain forest biodiversity amongst other important ecological roles.

Downed tree trunks are reservoirs for moisture and foster the growth of mycorrhizal fungi which plays an important role in an underground nutrient sharing network. Dead wood is anything but dead. Fungi, spiders, beetles, ants, grubs, worms, snails, and slugs found inside rotting logs are food for animals such as salamanders, snakes, birds, mice, and bears.

Small mammals such voles, mice and shrews use rotting logs as nesting sites and protection from predators. Squirrels and chipmunks use logs as part of their travel pathways for safe escape and elevated feeding platforms. Moisture retaining logs make them a natural cover for wet-skinned amphibians like salamanders and frogs.

For some forest wildlife, the tree only becomes valuable after it is dead. Malcolm Cockwell, managing director of Haliburton Forest once commented in a presentation that there is greater than 30 percent more living cells in a dead tree than in a live one. Mostly made up of fungi, insects and bacteria, these early dead log inhabitants speed up the rate of decomposition.

Logs, stumps and root balls also act as "nurseries" for plants, stumps and logs progress through their own natural succession, with fungi and mosses establishing themselves early, followed by ferns. A thin veneer of soil will eventually form, a nutrient-rich landing pad for tree sapling seeds to establish roots. On your trail travels, look for yellow birch and hemlock trees that use these nursing logs as ideal places for their small seeds to sprout. After the log or stump rots out, the roots are left elevated like a tree on stilts. Root balls attract the tiny Winter Wren, the gaps between the upturned roots, rocks and soil make for good nesting cavities in the tangled forest understory.

Dead standing trees, call snags, also provide an important ecological role as multifunctional forest high rises. Often taken down for safety reasons, snags should be left standing whenever possible for many reasons.

Whether bored out by woodpeckers or developing naturally through decay or branch mortality, tree cavities provide an important ecological function in the forest. The list of cavity users is extensive and includes the

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Naturally Yours

A nursing log. /Ralph Baehre

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saw-whet owl, barred owl, and kestrel, as well as several species of waterfowl including the common goldeneye and wood duck. Many songbirds, including eastern bluebird, great-crested flycatcher, brown creeper and white breasted nuthatch are also secondary cavity users.

Various mammals also rely on existing cavities. They include deer mice, bats, martens, fishers, porcupines, squirrels, and even black bears. I once was leading a canopy tour at Haliburton Forest when we came across a raccoon in a large tree cavity sleeping off an all-nighter. With no leaves or needles, birds of prey use snags as perches giving them a clear view of prey below. In Ontario, up to 50 birds and mammals have been identified that rely on snag cavities for nesting, rearing young, roosting, feeding, storing food, perching, escaping predators, or hibernating.

Leaf litter provides important winter habitat for insects and other invertebrates. Wooley Bear and other caterpillars tuck themselves into forest floor leaf piles for the winter as do many pollinating insects. Leaf litter slowly decomposes adding nutrients and structure to the forest humus for future plant growth.

Like a teenager's bedroom (if you have one of those), the thriving forest will also be in a state of disorder. No nicely rounded or straight edges to please the eye, a forest flourishes in the seemingly chaotic process of forest aging and environmental disturbance. So, on your fall hikes, look deep into the forest and embrace the mess because messy is a good sign forest health.

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Writing on the Senior Side

Boomers remember in November

GAIL STELTER
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I am one in 8.2 million. Perhaps you are too. I am one of the 8.2 million Canadian kids born in the baby boom - the 20 years from 1945 to 1965. Most of us were born from 1946 to 1952. Keeping in mind that the total population of Canada in 1952 was only 14.5 million, it is not a surprise that we changed the landscape of our world and created an ever-changing new culture.

The war was over, and the economy was booming. Our parents received a "baby bonus" that guaranteed each soldier who fought in the war $5.83 per month for every child they had. Suburbia was born. Parents wanted new homes in quiet clean neighbourhoods away from the city centres. Schools, colleges and universities had to be built to accommodate us. Large corporations such as Dominion and Loblaws started to replace the mom-and-pop stores on the corner.

There must have been 60 or more kids on my street. At any time, a group of kids could be found on the road playing ball hockey, baseball, double dutch skipping, hopscotch and riding bikes. At dusk, there was the street-wide all-ages game of hide and seek. We climbed trees, garage rooves, and made our own bows and arrows. In winter we made snow forts and loved snowball fights. We skated or tobogganed almost every day. My dad shovelled the snow off the driveway, and I made a saddle out of the snow pile. Run. Jump. Land on my snow horse. I am Annie Oakley. We were the "leave them alone and outside until the lights" come on kids.

As we aged, we wanted our own cars and our own music. We were targeted as the new market for TV shows and movies, advertising and food. I went to two of the first fast food restaurants - Harveys on the Queensway and Tim Horton's in Hamilton.

We hailed love, not war. We had high ideals, believed in the common good and tried to change the world. We entered the workforce en masse and continued to define what it meant to be a Canadian.

We have had a great run and are now on the senior side. We wonder if our work is done. Sometimes we want to leave it all to those who follow us, but once again, it is November, and we know we are needed. We are the demographic who still has personal connections. Before our run is over, we have a responsibility to help others remember the Second World War generation - a generation that is now almost completely gone. We remember the soldiers - men and women of war both overseas and at home. We remember those who fought and died for us.

Do you have a story to share to help others remember? My dad and my uncles came home from war. My Kennedy and Hadley families had been spared. But don't be fooled. No one came home unwounded. Perhaps it was what they then called "the jitters". Perhaps it was what we now call post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Perhaps it was hard to switch back to that suburban life. My dad did not drink before the war. His father was an alcoholic, and he told his mom he would never go there. Did the war contribute to his drinking? Was there a genetic predisposition? I don't know, but I suspect war was a crucial factor. How difficult it must have been to go from a vital leadership role to that of an unemployed civilian.

It didn't start that way. The soldiers - my dad, Captain James Joseph Kennedy - came home and life was full of new hope and dreams of prosperity.

The homecoming

1943. Alice had come home on the train from Alberta by herself. She moved back in with her parents in her childhood home at 44 Miller Street in Toronto. She was eight months pregnant. Her son, James Joseph Kennedy Jr. was born on February 23, 1943. His father was gone. Overseas.

"You can't buy a house. What if Jim doesn't come home?"

"Dad, if Jim doesn't come home, I will have an even greater need to have my own home to raise our son. Dad, please support me in this."

George Hadley looked at his youngest daughter. She had her mother's will and determination and his common sense, integrity and work ethic. Did he know, as she was already discovering, that Jim was not conscientious with money? She knew that the best time to buy a house was during the war when Jim's pay was coming directly to her. She didn't tell this to her dad.

Alice bought the house: a new two-bedroom bungalow for $4,800 at 21 Smithfield Drive west of the city in Etobicoke. Smithfield ran north of the Queensway, across from what would later become the Ontario Food Terminal. The house was a cute fit between larger two-story houses. She created a bright and happy place, tried not to worry and prayed for the war to end.

Sept. 11, 1945. Thousands of Canadian soldiers are arriving on trains at Union Station in Toronto, and Jim will be among them. They waited and watched.

"Do you see him? His train should be here now."

"Look there, he's coming!" Amy, Alice's sister has spotted him.

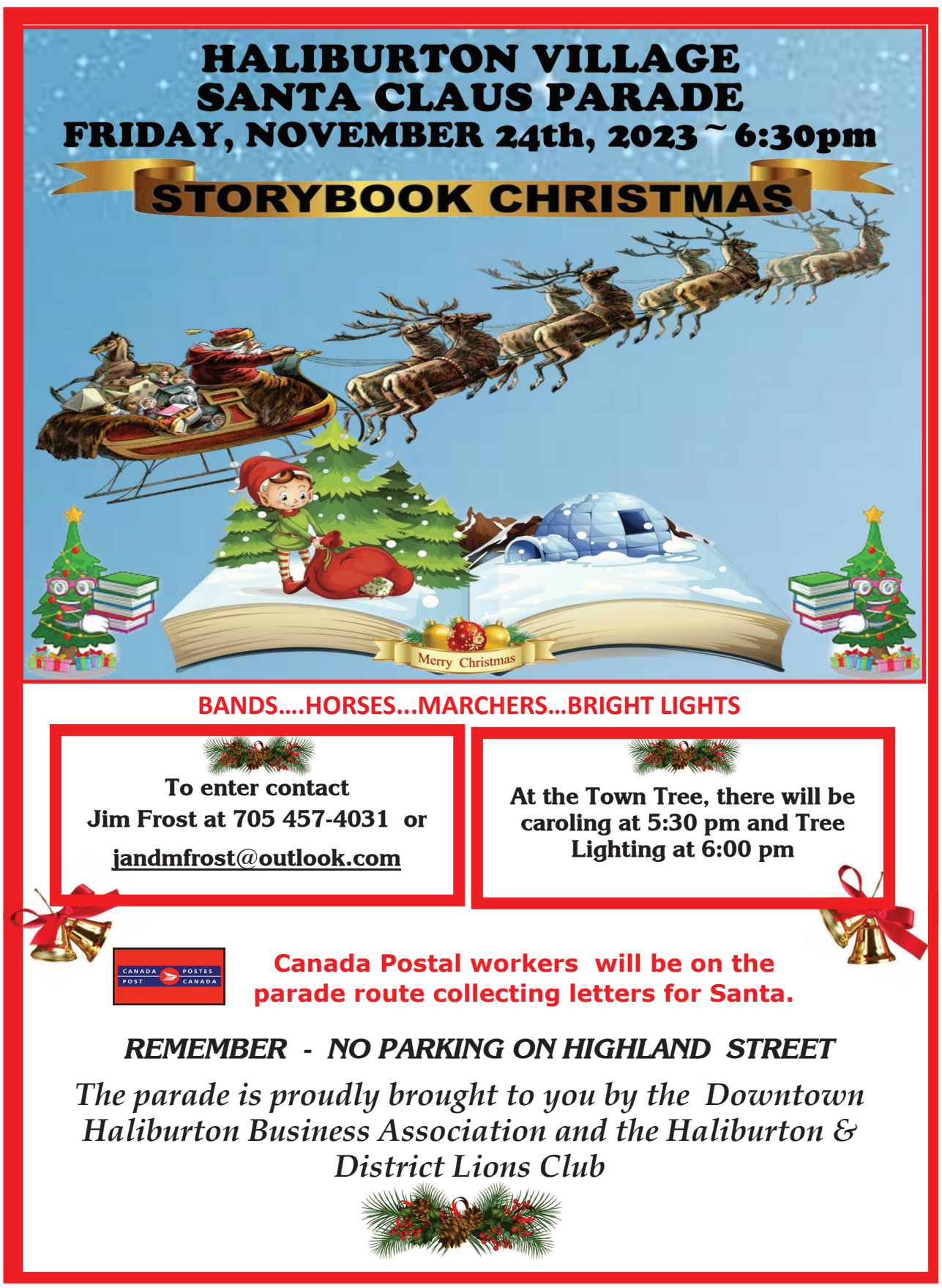
"Oh yes!" Tears and smiles.

It had been almost three years since she last saw him. He has never met his son. But there had been pictures back and forth across the ocean. Jim knows his son and little Jimmy has seen lots of pictures of his soldier daddy.

Nevertheless, it was an amazing moment! Without suggestion or urging little Jimmy held out his arms to his daddy. A loving moment; a magical moment, captured in time by a photo. Tears and smiles.

The homecoming takes on a new meeting as they go to their house on Smithfield Drive. Jim changes out of his uniform. They gather on the front steps with his siblings, her siblings and her parents. More pictures capture the smiles and the love as this little Kennedy family starts a new life on Smithfield Drive—a new life in the post-war baby boom.

I am one of 8.2 million baby boomers who still remember. I hope all the boomers and all who have war as any part of their life story remember. Perhaps, like me, they shed a tear at the cenotaph when the roll is called. Perhaps they understand, especially in November, why we remember.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On the Spot becomes space for local artisans

VIVIAN COLLINGS

County Life Editor

Big changes are coming for On the Spot Variety this November.

Customers will soon notice a new sign above the doors and a corresponding transformation inside.

The Main Street convenience store is rebranding into Let's Get Local, an artisan shop for over 20 local creators to display their work all year long.

The Farmers' Market served as inspiration to On the Spot Variety owners Mary and Vanessa Douglas.

"We really want to be a hub for the community to come in, grab a coffee, and be able to buy some of the incredible items made by local artisans," Mary said. "It's a win for the whole community in trying times coming out of COVID. We have a prime location downtown and receive a high traffic volume, so we thought it would be perfect to share that with others."

On Nov. 15, the downtown business will feature displays of items like home decor, jewelry, soaps, candles, pottery, preserves, honey, prepared meats, candies, pet items and more, all made by local artisans.

"It'll be more like a general store and gift shop with seating," Vanessa said. "We partnered up with We are the Nooks, and they have 30 plus locations doing the same model of helping local Canadian artisans thrive in their community."

They are currently accepting applications for more makers to join.

Each business will receive a provided shelving space with four shelves for $175 a month.

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An open house will be held at the store, 18 Bobcaygeon Road, on Wednesday, Nov. 1 from 3 to 7 p.m. for those interested in joining to meet staff members and learn more about Let's Get Local.

To apply online for a space with Let's Get Local, artisans can reach out to Let's Get Local on Facebook, @get.local.shop on Instagram, or by visiting: letsgetlocalapplication.paperform.co.

Let's Get Local also has other exciting experiences in the works, like a Sip and Shop Christmas event.

"Stay tuned for more details. There's a lot of thought being put into expanding the coffee bar in the future," Mary said. "We're so excited for Haliburton County's first Let's Get Local shop."

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The ghost of Haliburton County

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

Halloween may already be in the rearview mirror when you read this, but it still seems like the perfect time of year to ask, have you ever had anything spooky happen to you? A number of studies have been done, with varying results, but figures seem to suggest that about half of the population believes in ghosts in some form.

Some may claim that a belief in ghosts simply fills a need in the human psyche, but however you look at it, there are some tales out there which are difficult to explain. Some locally told ghost stories may have travelled across the Atlantic with early settlers, while others might have first been shared as a way to while away a dark and cold evening in the local lumbercamps. Some of these spooky tales are rooted in much more recent experiences however, many of which have taken place in the buildings that still line our streets today.

You may have heard that Reid House at the Haliburton Highlands Museum is reputed to be haunted. I'd previously heard a few stories from people who had visited the house, but it was when a very young visitor – no more than four years old – told me about the other little boy he'd chatted with in the house (when he and his parents were the only visitors there) that I really began to wonder. Most tales of unusual happenings in the house seem to focus on children in some way. Children's laughter might be heard upstairs or toys might move. As for the identity of who that child or children might be, that remains a mystery when compared to the story of the house as we know it.

Dysart's Town Hall has also been the site of some unusual happenings over the years. Some might claim that it's not surprising, as the building has stood for over 125 years and in that time has been quite a hub for the community. In addition to housing offices for the municipality, it also once had a performance space and was even home to the local library and village's lock-up. People have reported hearing strange noises and seeing the figure of a man moving through the building. I have even heard an account of, for lack of a better term, automatic typing. As for the exact identity of the spirits, again this one seems to be a mystery, but in other local cases they may be easier to identify.

Across the road from the Town Hall, the house which belonged for many years to the Lucas family has also been the site of some unexplained happenings. It seems like hospitality was in John Lucas' blood. After passing the operation of the family's Grand Central Hotel to the next generation, he and his wife, Annie, still focused on welcoming friends, family and guests, just in their new home. Perhaps they're still looking to provide that hospitality to visitors today.

Even the offices of the Haliburton Echo are claimed by some to be haunted. The building first began its life as a private home, built around 1918. Over the years, some people have mentioned unsettling experiences, often late at night while working on the paper. Others who have spent many similar evenings in the paper's offices have told me that they've never experienced any such thing…or at least not so far!

So, now I turn it over to you - do you have a Haliburton County ghost story? Why not share it with us at the Haliburton Highlands Museum - we'd love to hear from you!

Top 10 ways to justify eating some of the kid's Hallowe'en candy

OK, ADMIT IT. You pilfered a candy or two from your kid's Hallowe'en loot. And you feel guilty as heck. And you know that when your kid(s) finally take inventory, there will be many questions. They'll want to know why.

The good news is I have come up with my top ten reasons to justify eating some your kid's Hallowe'en loot. Feel free to use them. They are:

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Helping them learn you can never trust anyone.
2. Just ensuring they are safe.
3. Only did it to connect to them on a deeper level.
4. Pretty sure at least one of them is allergic to every type of candy you ate.
5. It's a great way to teach about taxation.
6. So you can ask, "What do you think of redistribution of wealth now?"
7. It seems harsh now, but when they don't have to endure root canals in the future, they'll thank me.
8. At least you left them the healthy stuff.
9. Hey, they live rent-free.
10. One day they'll have kids of their own and they will understand…

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Haunting

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repairing to her quarters, her hands, red and raw, her body, craving rest,
before the master of the mansion came to visit her, while his family slept,
nobody hearing her screams as she fell, or was pushed down the stairwell, crumpling in a heap, on the polished floor,
her belly swelling beneath her nightdress, the waterfall of her raven hair, cascading through Air,
as he carried her down the cellar stairs, burying her flesh and bones behind the stone wall,
concealing the crime, unable to seal her soul, that roams the halls, seeking peace,
her wails unleashed each night,
heard by children, when they can't sleep, their parents, visited at night by the maiden's ghost,
floating through Air, masquerading as Wind, their skin sprouting goosebumps,
as they pull the covers up past their chins,
shivering in the middle of summer, sometimes, as the ghost knows no seasons,
condemned to one of eternal unrest,
no reason for the crime, her soul, moaning, Why, as she haunts the hallways,
wafting down the stairs, where only she knows whether she was pushed or fell,
no one left to tell her story, the servants' whispers, muzzled by their master, who prospered and thrived, 'till he died,
his ghost returning to the place of the crime, peering through the window,
masquerading as shadow, slipping inside, as darkness falls,
his soul, roaming, restless, through the parlour and halls, freezing Air in the dead of winter, scalding it in summer,
as the owners of the old mansion grumble about the radiators that never work,
only the children know, when they are chided by their parents, for moving dishes or glasses from the cupboards,
but it's the ghosts that are rummaging through the drawers, hiding plates and knives,
the lives of the living, touched by the souls of those who can't rest,
as the maiden with the waterfall of raven hair, withered to wisps,
reaches out to grasp a shoulder with her bony claw, shivers slithering down an arm,
that wonders where the draft is coming from,
the maiden's soul, seeking release from the one who shackled her to this eternal roaming,
never knowing when he will come to torment her, as the family sleeps upstairs,
the maiden's pleas to be set free, seeping into their dreams, as they pull the covers up past their chins,
frozen fingers creeping across their cheeks, the maiden's ghost, too weak to shriek.

Sylvie Kalenda

From Intent to Action
Maddy Turpin from the Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub and Tom Regehr from CAST Canada present at the From Intent to Action community education event at the Minden Community Centre on October 18th. Over 40 people attended the event, which was hosted by the Connections Committee and focused on practical ways to engage People with Lived Experience with mental health and substance use challenges in service delivery. /Photo by Sue Tiffin

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He's that special type of father
Pausing in his work to love
When a child feels small or fearful
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He'll protect from cold exposure
He'll remind that they are blessed
Brings them back to solo courage
So they can do all the rest

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Managing the hills and valleys
Gather skill with tenderness
Till an acorn turns to oak tree
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Whether mum and dad together
Or a parent quite alone
Or take turns with peaceful raising
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Where: Minden United Church basement, 21 Newcastle Street
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Where: St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street, Haliburton
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When: Tuesday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Center, 55 Parkside St.Minden
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Online Holiday Auction
When: Nov. 10 at 8 a.m. to Nov. 19 at 4 p.m.
Where: Online, see details below
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When: Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce
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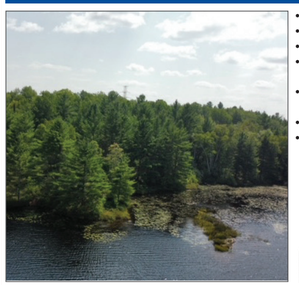

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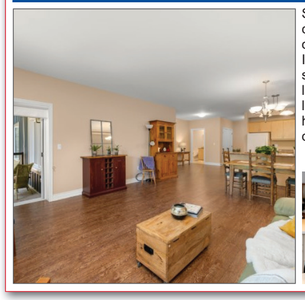

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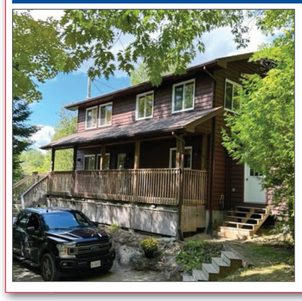

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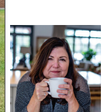

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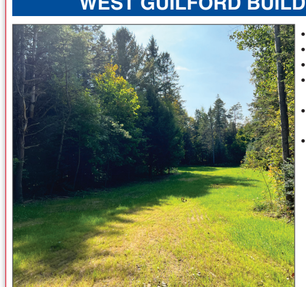

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Haunting in Minden Hills was held at the Cultural Centre on Saturday, Oct. 28 and featured special spooky activities like a zombie dance workshop, facepainting, pumpkin carving, Halloween games, and costume contests organized by the Township of Minden Hills. /TIM YANO Special to *County Life*

Greg Sadlie, director of Camexicanus, and Jack Walker, pose for a photo at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Sunday evening.

Haunted house

The Haliburton Highlands Museum hosted a Halloween gathering on Sunday, where residents learned about the various hauntings in the village. Visitors also learned of how Mexicians celebrate the season and pay respects to those who have passed, marking the Day of the Dead. The Reid House was decorated for the Haliburton Highlands Museum haunted gathering. /ADAM FRISK Special to *County Life*

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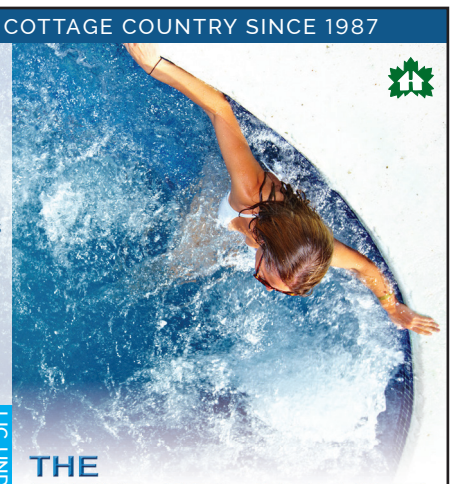

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Dark-eyed juncos have returned to town for winter. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

A hermit thrush found on Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. /Submitted by Derek Spencer

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Legion Events

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Sept to June)
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $500. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.
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Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

Branch 636 Minden

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Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
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Nov. 7 - Executive Meeting 7pm
Nov. 8 – Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts 2 p.m.
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A bumble bee on a sunflower. /Submitted by Grace Schuurmans

Reflections in a water droplet on a golden Tamarack tree. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

A Great blue heron hangs around a little longer before migrating south. / Submitted by Jill Moulton

A chipmunk among fallen maple leaves. /Submitted by Grace Schuurmans

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1988 Highlander chosen

Dr. Harry E. Good has been named the 1988 Highlander of the Year. The award was made Wednesday evening at the annual meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, held at Wig-a-Mog Inn.

The introduction of this year's recipient of the annual award was made by Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. He told the audience Dr. Good had been chosen for the award because of his contribution as a medical practicioner and, "for giving generously of himself, his talents and for sharing his gains with the community."

Among the numerous achievements cited in presenting the award, was Dr. Good's ongoing concern for the physical and emotional well-being of the citizens of the community. "He has been a constant supporter of the Haliburton Hospital and provided financial and moral support for the new addition," Fearrey said. "For 30 years he has been available night and day for medical, emotional or any other help he can give."

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1988 Highlander of the Year, Dr. Harry E. Good, is presented with a plaque by Dysart et al Reeve Fearrey at the annual gathering of the Haliburton Highland Chamber of Com merce, Wednesday.

Glass shares water concerns

Candidates face off

Free trade may be the dominant issue on a national level in this federal election campaign, but when the local candidates visit Haliburton County there is no escaping the fact that people want answers to the water levels problem.

Three of the candidates who hope to replace Bill Scott as the Victoria - Haliburton Member of Parliament fielded a variety of questions from area media representatives during a debate at the Dysart Community Centre last Wednesday evening. But it was plain to see by the reaction of the audience that the main reason they had come out that night was to hear what the candidates are going to do to solve the problem of fluctuating water levels in Haliburton's lakes.

The small audience paid passive attention as candidates Bruce Glass (Liberal), Cathy Vainio (NDP) and Archie Dobbins (Commonwealth of Canada) addressed the issues of taxes, free trade and abortion. But when the question of dealing with water levels was put to the candidates, there was a quick shuffling of chairs as people sat forward to listen.

Glass, who is representing the Liberals in his second election run, proved to be well versed on this issue. Vainio admitted a lack of understanding and Dobbins blamed it on the new computers used in the Trent-Severn Waterway.

"I'd be prepared to go to bat for you"

If elected, Glass promises to provide the necessary representation in Ottawa that has been lacking in recent years. "As your representative, I'd be prepared to go to bat for you," he said. The problem has existed for decades; "we can't keep putting it off with studies."

There have been at least three studies carried out on the problems with water levels in area lakes since the early 1960's, but the political will to finally solve the troubles has been missing. The extremely hot and dry summers of the past two years caused lake levels to plummet to new lows, while public concern has skyrocketted.

The problem, as outlined by Glass is two-fold. There is a shortage of reservoir capacity to offset flooding and drought in the top end of the Trent-Severn Waterway and there is a pollution problem which demands continuous flushing at Peterborough.

Increasing the reservoir capacity in Haliburton will be a costly venture, but Glass says the government will "have to bite the bullet and spend the money."

The problem in the lower part of the waterway is more complex. Unless strong flows are maintained, Rice Lake "will become a cess pool" from the discharges from Peterborough's sewage treatment plants. The solution here will take the co-operation of the province and the City of Peterborough to upgrade its sewage plant. He noted that the federal Liberals have promised $5-billion will be set aside for this sort

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Ride stays intact

"It takes towns like this to make this thing a success..."

The possibility of splitting next summer's Ontario Ride For Sight into two groups has been ruled out and Minden is once again being given the option of hosting the massive motorcycle extravaganza.

Rick Start, who is the national co-ordinator for the Ride, told Anson, Hindon and Minden council that he believes the Ontario chapter of this fund-raising event has "topped out" in terms of the number of people who will be participating. There were 4,400 motorcycles involved in the Ride last summer and Start is not predicting a great deal of growth for the coming year.

Start, along with the provincial chairman Sid Sollier and Gerry German, attended a recent council meeting to provide an update on the group's activities and plans for the coming year. The next Ride will mark the 10th anniversary of this event, which is designed to raise money for research into a cure for Retinitis Pigmentosis.

With the municipal election just around the corner, council was not able to provide confirmation that the municipality would accept the Ride back for another year. Council members felt this decision should be made by those who are elected on November 14.

The tentative date for next year's Ride is the weekend of June 10 and 11. Although the number of participants is expected to stay about the same, organizers will be boosting the amount of promotion for the event and have set a fundraising target of $1-million for Ontario alone. Last year, the Ontario Ride raised about $700,000.

Another reason the Ride is not being split is the fact that this is the 10th anniversary and they want to make sure it is a success. Start told council that participants enjoy coming to Minden because they know the fun they are going to have and the warm welcome from the community.

"It takes towns like this to make this thing a success right across the country," Start said. He also noted

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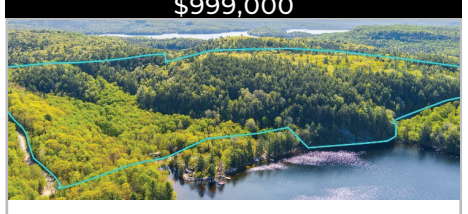

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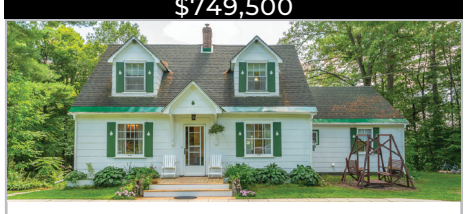

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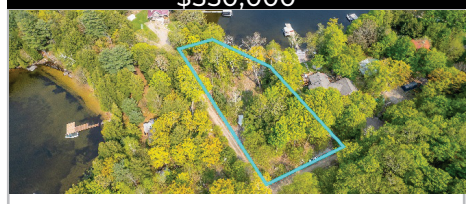

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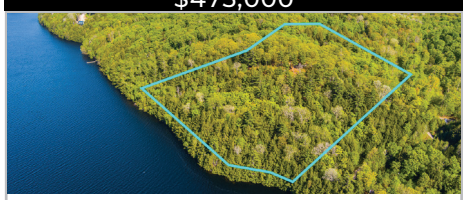

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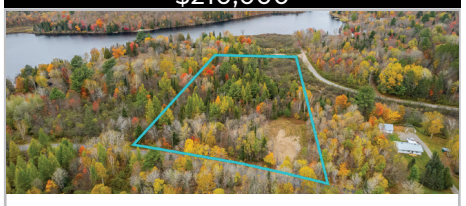

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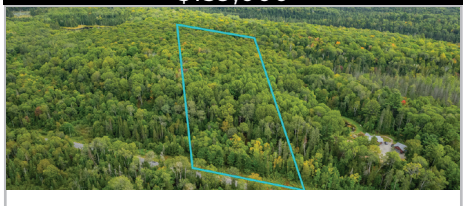

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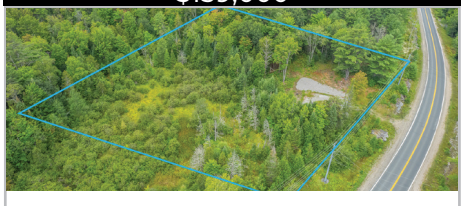

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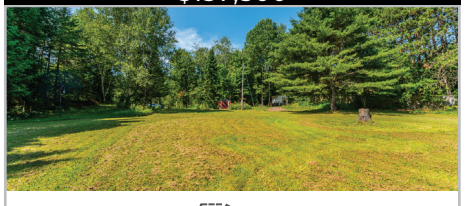

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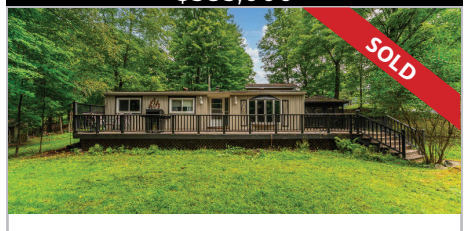

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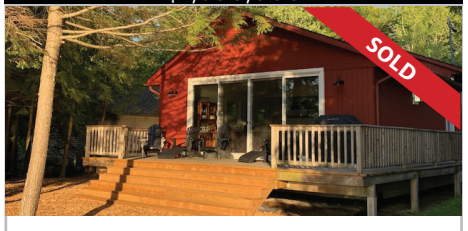

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